Heirs of God

GLORIA COPELAND & PASTOR GEORGE PEARSONS

DAY 1—Heirs to a Fortune

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."

—3 John 2

A. From "Receive Your Inheritance" by Gloria Copeland

1. "Have you ever been invited to an attorney's office for the reading of a will? I haven't. Where I came from, there was never enough money left for the relatives to fight over when someone died. Most of the people I knew didn't leave wills—they left bills.
2. "But, glory to God, that is not the case anymore. I became heir to a fortune many years ago in Little Rock, Arkansas, when I gave my life to Jesus.
3. "At that moment I was born again into the richest family ever known. I was born into the royal family that owns and operates the universe. I received an inheritance so vast, it will take me all of eternity to fully comprehend it.
4. "Some people get excited about tracing their natural family history. They like to know if they have great people in their family tree because it makes them feel like they have come from good stock.
5. "You and I ought to be that way about our heritage as believers. Our ancestors are the greatest men and women who ever walked the face of the earth. We can trace our linage back to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, King David...all the way to Jesus. Think about that! Those are our forefathers.
6. "'Now wait a minute,' you might say. 'Those are Jewish men. They lived in Canaan and Israel. You are an American from Arkansas! You are not part of that family.'
7. "Well, not physically. But, spiritually, according to the Bible, 'Yes I am.' And if you've made Jesus Christ the Lord of your life, you are too."

B. Galatians 3:13-14—Heirs According to the Promise

1. Verses 13-14: "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: that the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith."
2. Verse 29: "And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."
3. AMPC: "And if you belong to Christ [are in Him Who is Abraham's Seed], then you are Abraham's offspring and [spiritual] heirs according to promise."
4. MSG: "Since you are Christ's family, then you are Abraham's famous 'descendant,' heirs according to the covenant promises."

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5. TPT: "And since you've been united to Jesus the Messiah, you are now Abraham's 'child' and inherit all the promises of the kingdom realm!"

C. "I became heir to a fortune…when I gave my life to Jesus." —Gloria Copeland

1. All that belongs to the Father became ours when we were born again.
2. We became heirs of God—children of the King—with the right to partake of our full inheritance.
3. Many don't realize they are heirs.
4. They are ignorant of all that belongs to them in their inheritance.
    a. Article headline from the Dec. 30, 2012 issue of London's Daily Mail newspaper
    b. "Homeless man who didn't know he was a millionaire is found dead before he could be told about his fortune."
    c. He was heir to $300,000,000 and he didn't know it.
5. Romans 8:16-17 (NKJV): "The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ."
    a. We need to partake of our full inheritance.
    b. Faith begins where the will of God is known.
    c. The Bible is God's will and all that we need is *in* The Will.

The benefits of The Will belong to the family—and I'm in the family!

—Gloria Copeland

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DAY 2—We Are Heirs of God

**"Lift up your eyes and expand your horizons.
Take all that belongs to you."**

—Gloria Copeland

A. Romans 8:16-17—We Are God's Children

1. Verses 16-17 (NKJV) "The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together."
2. "I became heir to a fortune many years ago in Little Rock, Arkansas, when I gave my life to Jesus. At that moment, I was born again into the richest family ever known. I was born into the royal family that owns and operates the universe. I received an inheritance so vast, it will take me all of eternity to fully comprehend it." —Gloria Copeland, "Receive Your Inheritance" BVOV magazine article
3 All that belongs to the Father became ours when we were born again.
4. We became heirs of God—children of the King with the right to partake of our full inheritance.
5. Many don't realize they are heirs of God and have full access to their inheritance.

B. Galatians 4:4-7—We Are Heirs of God

1. NKJV: "But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ."
2. *Heir* (GK) = One who receives an inheritance by right of birth.
3. My sister and I became heirs to our parents' estate by right of birth.
4. Long before he died, John D. Rockefeller began giving his estate to his son simply by right of birth.
    a. "Dear Son, I am giving you 166,072 shares of Standard Oil Company stock."
    b. "Dear Son, I am giving you $20,688,000 in bonds."
    c. "Dear Son, I am giving you a check for $500,000. It will be available for use next Monday."
    d. By the early 1920's, Rockefeller had turned over close to half a billion dollars to his son, as well the stewardship of his great fortune.

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   e. "I am indeed blessed beyond measure to have a son I can trust to do this work. With tenderest affection, Father."
5. Proverbs 13:22 (NKJV) "A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children."

"We have to get into the reading of The Will and find out what belongs to us—and receive it!"

—Gloria Copeland

C. 1 Peter 1:3-4—We Are Heirs of God by the New Birth

1. Verses 3-4 (NLT): "All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation, and we have a priceless inheritance—an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay."
2. "I was born into THE royal family that owns and operates the universe." —Gloria Copeland, "Receive Your Inheritance" BVOV magazine article
3. Verse 4 (AMPC): "[Born anew] into an inheritance which is beyond the reach of change and decay [imperishable], unsullied and unfading, reserved in heaven for you."
4. Verses 3-4 (NIV): "He has given us new birth...into an inheritance."
5. In Christ Jesus, we are heirs to the vast fortune of our loving Heavenly Father—simply by being born again into THE royal family.

"Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

—Luke 12:32

"You didn't deserve the inheritance. You just got it!"

—Gloria Copeland

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DAY 3—Joint Heirs With Jesus

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."

—3 John 2

A. Galatians 4:4-7—We Are Heirs of God

1. Verses 4-7 (NKJV): "But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, 'Abba, Father!' Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ."
2. Psalms 103:1-2: "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits."
    a. The Bible is the will of God and lays out for us what belongs to us.
    b. "If you forget His benefits, you can't receive His benefits because there's no faith there." —Gloria Copeland
3. "I became heir to a fortune many years ago in Little Rock, Arkansas, when I gave my life to Jesus. At that moment, I was born again into the richest family ever known. I was born into the royal family that owns and operates the universe. I received an inheritance so vast, it will take me all of eternity to fully comprehend it." —Gloria Copeland, "Receive Your Inheritance" BVOV magazine article
3. *Heir* (GK) = One who receives an inheritance by right of birth.
4. We have been born again into THE royal family as heirs to our Father's kingdom.
5. 1 Peter 1:4 (AMPC): "[Born anew] into an inheritance which is beyond the reach of change and decay [imperishable], unsullied and unfading, reserved in heaven for you."
    a. Verses 3-4 (NIV): "He has given us new birth...into an inheritance.
    b. In Christ Jesus, we are heirs to the vast fortune of our loving Heavenly Father—simply by being born again into THE royal family.

"If people only knew what was available to them in Christ Jesus, they would do whatever it took to walk after Him."

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B. Romans 8:16-17—We Are Joint Heirs With Jesus

1. Verses 16-17 (NKJV): "The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together."
2. *Joint heir* (GK) = One who is in union together with an inheritor.
3. Terri and I were joint heirs to my parents' estate, both receiving everything because we are one union.
4. Verse 17 (AMPC): "And if we are [His] children, then we are [His] heirs also: heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ [sharing His inheritance with Him]…."
5. NLT: "Together with Christ, we are heirs of God's glory."
6. People perish for a lack of knowledge of what is in the plan of redemption for them. They do not know what belongs to them in their inheritance.
7. "Faith comes by hearing. Unbelief comes by hearing." —Gloria Copeland

C. Hebrews 1:1-2—Heirs of All Things

1. Verses 1-2 (NKJV): "God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds."
2. Verse 2 (AMPC): "…Whom He appointed Heir and lawful Owner of all things…"
3. NLT: "God promised everything to the Son as an inheritance..."
4. If Jesus is heir of all things, and we are joint heirs with Him, that makes us heirs of all things as well.
5. We have inherited everything that Jesus inherited.

"When you were born again, Jesus moved in with everything He has."

—Gloria Copeland

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DAY 4—Heirs of Everything

A. Galatians 4:6—We Are Heirs of God

1. Verses 4-7 (NKJV) "But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, 'Abba, Father!' Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ."
2. "I became heir to a fortune many years ago in Little Rock, Arkansas, when I gave my life to Jesus. At that moment, I was born again into the richest family ever known. I was born into the royal family that owns and operates the universe. I received an inheritance so vast, it will take me all of eternity to fully comprehend it." —Gloria Copeland, "Receive Your Inheritance" BVOV magazine article
3. *Heir* (GK) = One who receives an inheritance by right of birth.
4. We have been born again into THE royal family as heirs to our Father's kingdom.
5. We are heirs by birth.

B. Romans 8:14-17—We Are Joint Heirs With Jesus

1. Verses 14-17 (NKJV): "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, These are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, 'Abba, Father.' The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together."
2. *Joint heir* (GK) = One who is in union together with an inheritor.
3. NLT: "Together with Christ, we are heirs of God's glory."
4. Hebrews 1:1-2 (NKJV): "God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds."
5. If Jesus is heir of all things and we are joint heirs with Jesus, we must be heirs of all things as well.

"You don't want to miss the reading of The Will.
Come to church. Come to church for the reading of The Will.
As you read it, faith will come in you to receive it."

—Gloria Copeland

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C. Galatians 4:7—We Are Heirs of Everything

1. Verse 7 (NKJV): "Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ."
2. NLT-96: "Since you are his child, everything he has belongs to you."
3. MSG: "If you are a child, you're also an heir, with complete access to the inheritance."
4. The inheritance is the full scope of God's provision that encompasses everything—spirit, soul, body, financially, socially.
5. Ephesians 1:3 (NLT): "All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ."
6. 2 Peter 1:3-4 (AMPC): "For His divine power has bestowed upon us all things that [are requisite and suited] to life and godliness, through the [full, personal] knowledge of Him Who called us by and to His own glory and excellence (virtue). By means of these He has bestowed on us His precious and exceedingly great promises, so that through them you may escape [by flight] from the moral decay (rottenness and corruption) that is in the world because of covetousness (lust and greed), and become sharers (partakers) of the divine nature."
    a. *Bequeath* = To give or leave by will—used especially of property.
    b. Verse 3 (NIV-84): "His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness."
7. Our inheritance as heirs of God includes everything we would ever need.

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DAY 5—Heirs of Everything Now

A. Our Week in Review

1. "I became heir to a fortune many years ago in Little Rock, Arkansas, when I gave my life to Jesus. At that moment, I was born again into the richest family ever known. I was born into the royal family that owns and operates the universe. I received an inheritance so vast, it will take me all of eternity to fully comprehend it." —Gloria Copeland, "Receive Your Inheritance" BVOV magazine article
2. Galatians 4:4-7—We are heirs of God.
3. 1 Peter 1:3-4—We are heirs by birth.
4. Romans 8:14-17—We are joint heirs with Jesus.
5. Galatians 4:7 (NLT)—We are heirs of everything.

B. Colossians 1:12-13—When Can We Access Our Inheritance?

1. Verses 12-13 (NKJV): "Giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love."
2. Verse 12 (AMPC): "…Who has qualified and made us fit to share the portion which is the inheritance of the saints…."
3. We don't have to wait for heaven to claim our full inheritance.
4. Our full inheritance belongs to us now.
5. All we have to do is claim it by faith.

C. Acts 20:32—Our Inheritance Belongs to Us NOW!

1. NKJV: "So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified."
2. Galatians 4:7 (MSG): "If you are a child, you're also an heir, with complete access to the inheritance."
3. Ephesians 1:11 (NLT): "Because we are united with Christ, we have received an inheritance from God."
4. Ephesians 1:18 (NLT-96): "I want you to realize what a rich and glorious inheritance he has given to his people."
5. Everything Jesus paid for, as a result of His death, burial and resurrection, is available to us now!
6. Deuteronomy 28:1-14—All of The BLESSING is ours.
7. The BLESSING is not just for us. It's a testimony to the Lord's ability to do something for His people. It manifests His presence in the earth. It's *His* idea." —Gloria Copeland

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